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SUBJ: US ARMS SALE TO YEMEN

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1. DO NOT WISH TO SOUND UNDULY PESSIMISTIC, BUT AFTER DEALING WITH THIS GOVT FOR TWO YEARS, EMBASSY CONDITIONED TO IMPROBABILITY OF ACHIEVING QUICK EXECUTION ON HIGH-LEVEL POLICY DECISION. BELIEVE YARG IS PLACING TOO MUCH RELIANCE ON FINALIZATION OF FINANCING DEAL WITH ABU DHABI GOVT (ADG) DURING VISIT OF ASNAG BEGINNING MAY 21. WHILE ZAYID MORE THAN LIKELY ACCEPT SUMMARY PRESENTATION OF L/OS BEING OFFERED BY COS MASWARI AND AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO PAY THE COSTS FOR US ARMS PACKAGE, I AM FORCED TO QUESTION WHETHER YARG CAN REALISTICALLY EXPECT WALK OUT OF
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HERE WITH CHECK FOR TOTAL AMOUNT, WHICH IT WOULD THEN TURN

OVER TO EMB SANAA FOR POUCHING WITH L/OS PRIOR JUNE 10 DEADLINE.

2. WOULD CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND SOME KIND OF ADVANCE SPADE WORK WITH ABU DHABI, EVEN IF YARG DOES NOT HAVE PERSONNEL SEND ON ADVANCE MISSION AS EMBASSY REPORTED. FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION ARE SUGGESTED:

A. HAVE MASWARI SEND SUMMARY BY ENCRYPTED MSG TO YEMENI AMB QUBATI FOR RELAY TO ADG;

B. IF YARG UNABLE ACCOMPLISH ABOVE FOR SECURITY OR POL REASONS, HAVE SUMMARY SENT TO US BY CABLE FOR RELAY TO QUBATI, WHO WOULD THEN PRESENT IT TO ADG FOR STUDY IN ADVANCE OF ASNAG'S TRIP.

3. A. IT IS TRUE THAT WHEN ZAYID AND HIS KEY ADVISORS WANT THINGS TO MOVE QUICKLY THEY CAN, BUT WE HAVE FOUND IN FINANCIAL MATTERS, ESPECIALLY, THERE IS INEVITABLE DELAY FROM TIME DECISION MADE UNTIL DEPT OF FINANCE AUTHORIZED ISSUE CHECK OR TRANSFER MONEY ABROAD TO RECIPIENT.

B. MOREOVER, IF FOR ANY REASON ADG DECIDES IT WISHES MORE TIME TO STUDY ARMS PACKAGE REQUEST TO BE PRESENTED BY YARG, THEN IT DOUBTFUL DECISION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING PRIOR JUNE 10, AS ZAYID IS PLANNING VISIT TUNISIA AND PERHAPS OTHER STATES AS WELL BEGINNING END OF MAY.
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